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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RESTRICTIVE FOREIGN AIRLINE PRACTICES

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1. MANY RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES WERE REPORTED IN STOCKHOLM' S A-26 OF JANUARY 20, 1972. THIS MESSAGE, THEREFORE, INCLUDES ONLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED SINCE THAT DATE.
2. BOARDING TAX INCREASE: SWEDISH CAB HAS RAISED BOARDING TAX CHARGED ALL AIRLINES LANDING IN SWEDEN, INCLUDING SAS. HOWEVER, TAX ON DOMESTIC FLIGHTS, WHICH ARE ALL FLOWN BY SAS OR ITS SUBSIDIARY, HAS BEEN LOWERED BY A NEAR EQUIVALENT AMOUNT. HIGHER TAX ON INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS HAS THUS RAISED COSTS FOR ALL FOREIGN AIRLINES, WHILE SAS HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO " BREAK EVEN" BECAUSE OF ITS DOMESTIC OPERATIONS.
3. HIGH LANDING CHARGES: ACCORDING TO PAA, LANDING CHARGES AT STOCKHOLM' S MAIN AIRPORT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN CHARGES AT MOST OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS. THIS HAS FORCED PAA TO CUT BACK ON ITS NUMBER OF FLIGHTS AND FORCED SEVERAL OTHER FOREIGN

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AIRLINES TO STOP FLYING TO STOCKHOLM.

4. USE OF AIRPORT CHARGES: ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, MUCH OF PROFIT MADE FROM STOCKHOLM' S MAIN AIRPORT IS USED TO PAY EXPENSES OF OTHER SWEDISH AIRPORTS, TO WHICH ONLY SAS FLIES. THIS MEANS THAT HIGH CHARGES ARE A MEANS OF MAKING FOREIGN AIRLINES FOOT PART OF BILL FOR SAS DOMESTIC OPERATIONS.

5. USE OF FREE- PORT RIGHTS: SWEDISH CAB AND SAS WILL NOT GRANT FREE- PORT RIGHTS TO FOREIGN AIRLINES AT STOCKHOLM AIRPORT. MOST FOREIGN AIRLINES MUST THEREFORE BUY FREE- PORT FACILITIES THROUGH SAS WHERE CHARGES ARE HIGHER THAN IN COMPARABLE EUROPEAN DUTY- FREE STORES.

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